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1. FOR GENEVA: PLEASE PASS UNHCR FOLLOWING MESSAGE.
 2. THE USG HAS REPEATEDLY REQUESTED THE ASSISTANCE OF THE UNHCR TO ARRANGE FOR THE REPATRIATION OF THE VIETNAMESE
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REFUGEES WHO ENTERED THE US REFUGEE SYSTEM.

3. THE PRESENT SITUATION ON GUAM ONLY DRAMATIZES THE NEED FOR SWIFT ACTION ON THE PART OF THE UNHCR IN OBTAINING AN AGREEMENT FROM THE AUTHORITIES IN VIETNAM TO ACCEPT THE REPATRIATES AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

4. THE USG URGES THE UNHCR TO TAKE EVERY FEASIBLE MEANS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS END PROMPTLY. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNHCR TO REMIND THOSE AUTHORITIES OF THEIR EARLIER STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE AND BEGIN THE RETURN TO VIETNAM OF THE REFUGEES PRESENTLY ON GUAM AWAITING REPATRIATION.

5. THE USG REGARDS THIS MOVEMENT AS A PURELY HUMANITARIAN ACTION. THE ONLY MOTIVATION OF THE USG IS TO HONOR THE REQUESTS OF THE REFUGEES FOR RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND, IN MANY CASES FOR REUNIFICATION WITH THEIR FAMILIES. THE USG

IS RESPONDING TO A CLEAR HUMAN NEED AND TO THIS END IS PROVIDING FOR THE CARE AND FEEDING OF THOSE POTENTIAL REPATRIATES AND IS ASSISTING THE UNHCR IN BEARING THE EXPENSES INVOLVED IN THE RETURN OF THE REPATRIATES TO VIETNAM.

6. THE USG CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE AUTHORITIES IN VIETNAM CAN MISCONSTRUE THE SINCERE REQUESTS OF THOSE REFUGEES WISHING TO RETURN TO VIETNAM OR THE EFFORTS OF THE UNHCR AND THE USG IN ATTEMPTING TO FULFILL THESE WISHES. IT OUGHT TO BE OBVIOUS TO ALL THAT THE US HAS NO INTEREST IN A FORCIBLE REPATRIATION, AND THAT IT IS THE DESIRE, VOLUNTARILY ARRIVED AT, OF THE PEOPLE CONCERNED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND AND BE REUNITED WITH THEIR FAMILIES.

7. THE USG APPRECIATES THE EFFORTS OF THE UNHCR AND URGES UPON THE UNHCR TO PASS THE POINTS RAISED ABOVE TO THE AUTHORITIES IN VIETNAM AND TO IMPRESS ON THEM THE GOOD FAITH OF THE USG IN THIS MATTER.

8. FOR USUN: AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE, YOU SHOULD APPROACH SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM AND REMIND HIM OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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USG POSITION ON REPATRIATION, THE DIFFICULT SITUATION WHICH EXISTS ON GUAM (SEE REFERENCED MESSAGES), AND URGE HIM TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY STEPS TO BRING THIS HUMANITARIAN ISSUE TO THE ATTENTION OF THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES.

9. FOR VIENTIANE: PLEASE PASS ABOVE MESSAGE TO ALEXANDRE CASELLA, UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE.

10. FOR BANGKOK: PLEASE PASS MESSAGE TO JAEGER, UNHCR
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR.

11. FOR GUAM: PLEASE PASS MESSAGE TO GORDON-LENNOX,
UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE. KISSINGER

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